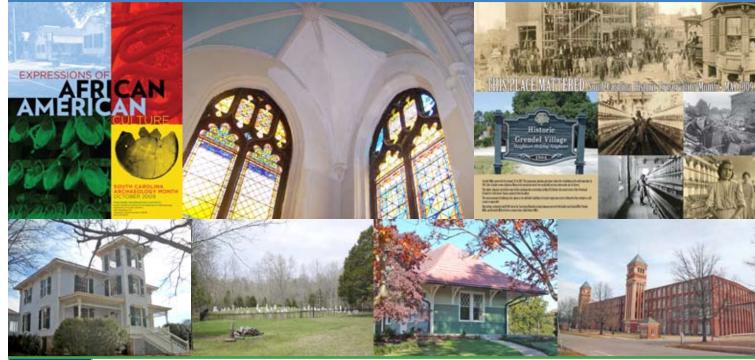
## 2009 Highlights from the South Carolina State Historic Preservation Office





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**Purpose:** The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) encourages and facilitates the responsible stewardship of South Carolina's irreplaceable historic and prehistoric places.

**Programs:** Established in 1969, the SHPO administers several federal programs in South Carolina created by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (as amended) and the Tax Reform Act of 1986. The SHPO is supported primarily through the federal Historic Preservation Grant fund.

- ◆ Statewide Survey of Historic Properties ◆ National Register of Historic Places
- ◆Federal Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits ◆Section 106 Reviews ◆Grants
- ◆ Certified Local Governments ◆ Outreach: publications, website, technical assistance

In addition, the SHPO has been given additional responsibilities under state laws.

- ◆ State Historic Rehabilitation Income Tax Credits ◆ State Owned or Leased Historic Properties Reviews
- ◆ DHEC-OCRM and DHEC Mining Project Reviews ◆ State Historical Markers
- ◆ Special Local Property Tax Assessments for Rehabilitated Historic Properties

**Statewide Plan:** The work of the State Historic Preservation Office is guided by *Preserving Our Past to Build a Healthy Future: A Historic Preservation Plan for South Carolina* 2007-2015. It outlines three broad goals:

- ◆ Educate South Carolinians about our heritage and its value
- ◆ Support private stewardship
- ◆ Integrate historic preservation into public policy and planning

This report summarizes the work of the SHPO in 2009 to achieve these goals.

## Educate South Carolinians About Our Heritage and Its Value

### Rosenwald Schools

Our ongoing survey of Rosenwald Schools has identified 32 extant buildings (out of approximately 500) in various stages of repair. These schools for African American children were built in the 1920s and 1930s with support from philanthropist Julius Rosenwald. A few are restored or are in the midst of repairs, such as Hope School (Newberry County), Carroll School (York County), Great Branch Teacherage (Orangeburg), Hopewell School (McCormick County), Mt. Zion School (Florence County), and Pine Grove School (Richland County).



A historic photograph of the Teacherage, part of the Department of Archives and History collection available online. Former students, teachers, and community leaders gather in October 2009 at the dedication of the Great Branch Teacherage in Orangeburg County. Photo from the National Trust for Historic Preservation.



The community pulled together to restore the Hope School in rural Newberry County, celebrating the grand opening in August. Select artifacts from the school have been donated to the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture.

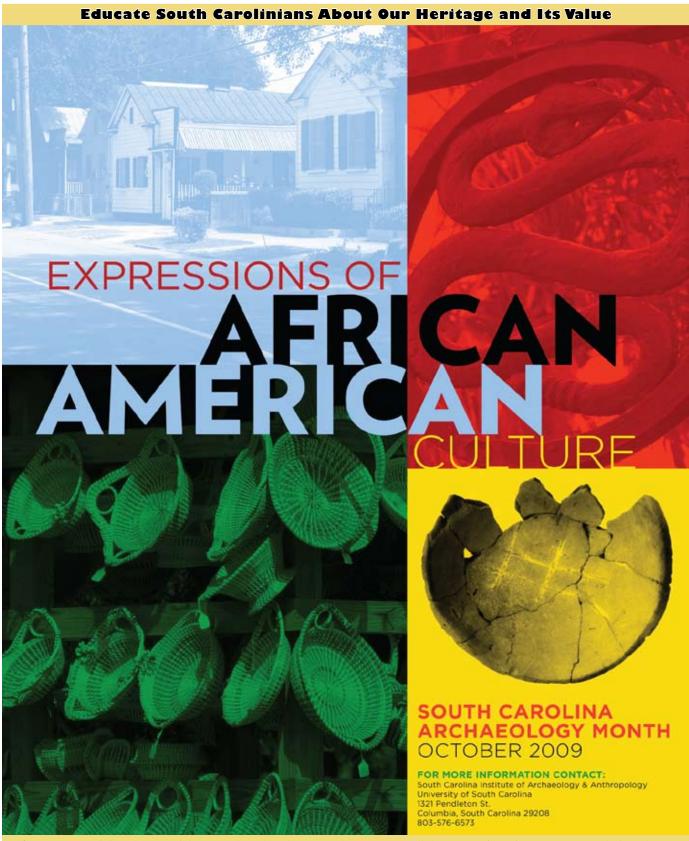


Former students celebrate the National Register listing of the Pine Grove Rosenwald School. Historic image from the collection of the Department of Archives and History available online.

## "Equalization Schools"

SHPO staff member Rebekah Dobrasko continued to research and publicize a "new" historic resource from the 1950s and 1960s — South Carolina's so called "Equalization Schools." These schools were funded by the state's first sales tax in an effort to stave off school integration. She launched a website <a href="http://scequalization.schools.officelive.com/default.aspx">http://scequalization.schools.officelive.com/default.aspx</a>, completed a multiple property nomination form for the National Register, and presented her work at the National Preservation Conference in Nashville, TN.





The creation and distribution of the annual Archaeology Month poster is a collaborative effort of many groups including the S.C. Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology, the Council of S.C. Professional Archaeologists, the S.C. Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism and the SHPO. This year's poster was designed by John Carson of The History Workshop and Allison Ward of Brockington and Associates, and edited by Nicole Isenberger of Brockington and Associates.

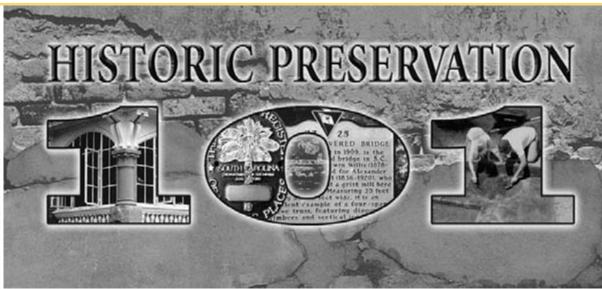


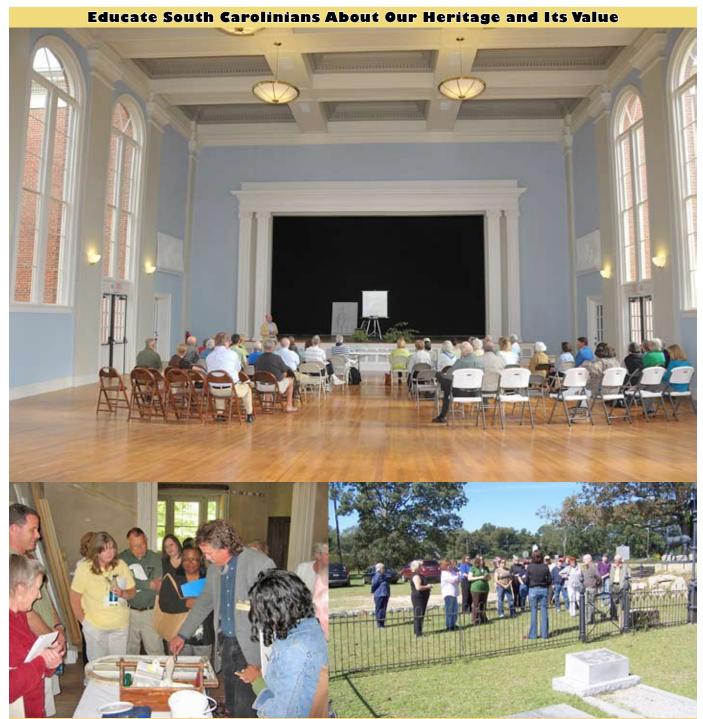
## **Reaching New Audiences**

We are reaching out to new audiences through Facebook, Twitter and the agency's blog. We also continued our more traditional venues such as workshops and conferences. The third annual Landmark and Preservation Conference in March in Columbia featured tours, preservation awards and educational sessions for the 150 attendees. Historic Preservation 101, held in November, introduced the 86 participants to the programs and staff of the SHPO. Staff spoke to classes in the USC Public History program, College of Charleston/Clemson preservation program, and American College of the Building Arts.

We partnered with the Palmetto Trust for Historic Preservation to offer a historic preservation field school in Society Hill in April. Participants enjoyed hands-on demonstrations and tours of the town's many historic gems. We also formed a partnership with the S.C. National Heritage Corridor to offer workshops about historic preservation topics, including historic cemeteries, funding, caring for historic buildings, and researching historic properties.







TOP: SHPO Staff member Andrew Chandler speaking to participants in the "Architectural Gems of Georgetown" tour. Photo by Paige Sawyer Photography-Georgetown. LEFT: Learning to repair a wood window at the field school in Society Hill. RIGHT: SHPO outreach coordinator Jennifer Satterthwaite leading the Heritage Corridor workshop in Ridge Spring.

## **Historical Markers**

Interest in the state's historical marker program remains strong, with 45 marker texts approved during the state fiscal year. A notable project has been the City of Columbia, Historic Columbia Foundation and the Department of Transportation partnership to place 25 historical markers in Columbia to recognize sites important in African American history.



LEFT: In cooperation with the S.C. Department of Education and the S.C. Association for Education Technology, we launched the online database of the state's more than 1,250 historical markers at http://www.scaet.org/markers/ TOP RIGHT: Dedication of the Mont Clare Community Center marker, Darlington County. BOTTOM RIGHT: Former students at the dedication of the St. James Rosenwald School marker in Horry County.



## History Detectives

In September 2009, the PBS TV show History Detectives featured Archives and History staff members and a 1938 historical marker. The mystery involved several large granite blocks near the Broad River in Lexington County, and whether or not they were part of a bridge used by Sherman's troops during the Civil War.

SHPO archaeologist Fran Knight examining some of the granite blocks that may be remnants of the Civil War era bridge.

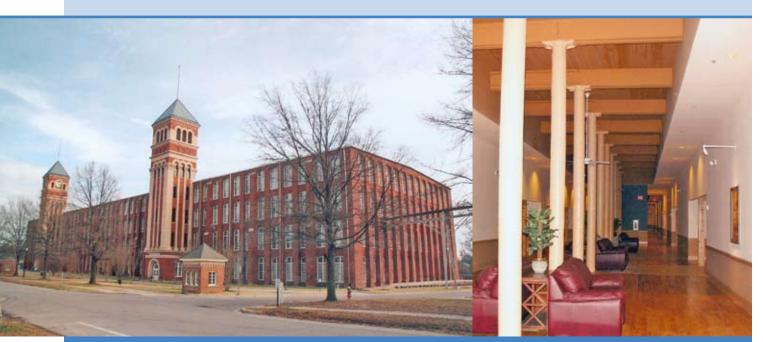
## Support Private Stewardship

## Tax Credits Spur Investments of \$82.4 Million

A record-setting \$72.8 million was invested in the rehabilitation of six historic buildings spurred by the 20% federal income tax credit program. The completion of Olympia Mill in Columbia and Monaghan Mill in Greenville led the way, along with projects in Anderson, Charleston, Ware Shoals and Spartanburg. Another \$9.6 million was invested by owners in historic homes through the 25% state income tax credit program for owner-occupied residences. SHPO staff review applications for both programs.

"Heritage conservation creates jobs.... It has extraordinary impact on local economies. And it invests in assets that are both sustainable and long-term."

— Donovan Rypkema, PlaceEconomics

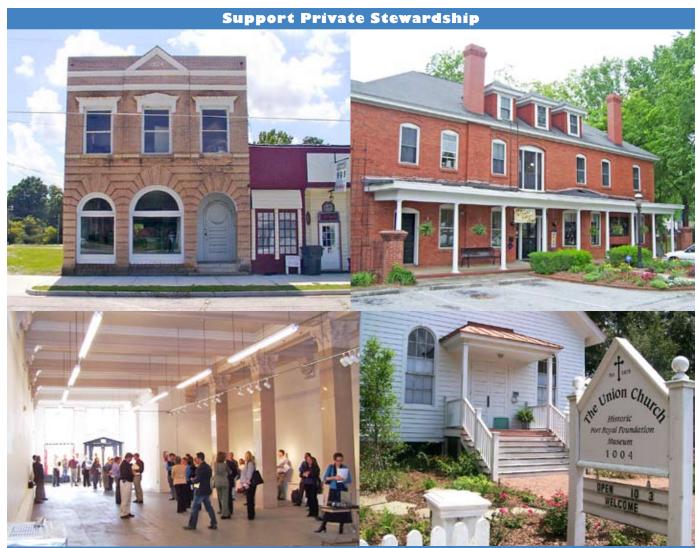


#### The rehabilitation of historic textile mills, such as Olympia in Columbia, creates jobs and revitalizes communities.

## S.C. Preserve America Initiative

We awarded \$85,500 in matching grants to eight projects in the second round of the S.C. Preserve America Initiative. A total of \$150,000 in funding has been awarded to 15 projects across the state.

- ◆ Bank of Clio (Marlboro County) Preservation Planning \$5,000
- ◆ Fountain Inn Ford Motor Company Preservation Planning \$7,500
- ◆ Fountain Inn National Register Nominations \$6,500
- ◆ Georgetown Historic District Survey \$20,000
- ◆ Woodside Cotton Mill Village (Greenville County) Design Guidelines \$10,000
- ◆ Keturah Hotel (McCormick) Preservation Planning \$10,000
- ◆ Port Royal Heritage Trail Project \$5,000
- ◆ People's Bank of Rock Hill Adaptive Use Planning \$21,500



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: The Town of Clio will develop plans to use the historic Bank of Clio (1904) as Town Hall ◆ The McCormick Arts Council will use a S.C. Preserve America grant to develop plans for repairs to its headquarters in the historic Keturah Hotel. ◆ The Town of Port Royal and the Beaufort-Port Royal Convention & Visitors Bureau will develop a guide to area historic sites and a National Register nomination for the historic Union Church (1878), headquarters of the Historic Port Royal Foundation and other community functions. ◆ The Culture and Heritage Commission of York County will use its S.C. Preserve America Grant for plans to turn the first floor of the historic People's National Bank in Rock Hill into the York County Children's Museum.

With the designation of Beaufort and Cheraw in October 2009, there are 20 Preserve America communities in South Carolina.

Abbeville ♦ Aiken ♦ Anderson ♦ Beaufort ♦ Bluffton ♦ Blythewood ♦ Camden ♦ Cheraw ♦ Conway ♦ Charleston Chesterfield ♦ Dillon ♦ Fountain Inn ♦ Gray Court ♦ Horry County ♦ Lancaster County ♦ Pacolet ♦ Rock Hill Walterboro ♦ York County

## Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) Matching Subgrants Awarded in 2009

We awarded four grants totaling \$72,000 to projects in Certified Local Governments in 2009. John Mark Verdier House (Beaufort) Roof Replacement \$28,500 Horry-Guignard House (Columbia) Conditions Assessment \$8,500 City of Lexington Design Guidelines \$8,000 City of Sumter Historic Resources Survey \$27,000



### **Historic Preservation Awards**

The awards recognize exemplary preservation projects and commitment to historic preservation. It is a joint program of the Palmetto Trust for Historic Preservation, the Office of the Governor and the S.C. Department of Archives and History.

- ♦ Winnie Davis School of History, Limestone College/Honor Awards to Limestone College, Campbell Meek & Associates Architects, Inc., and McDaniel Construction, Inc.
- ◆ Ware Shoals Inn (Greenwood County)/Honor Awards to Vision Ware Shoals, LLC, Perkins Eastman, and James B. Jones Construction Company, Inc.
- ◆ Federal Building, Greenwood/Honor Awards to the Self Family Foundation and City of Greenwood
- ◆ Westminster Train Depot Restoration (Oconee County)/Honor Awards to City of Westminster, DP3 Architects, Ltd., and Trehel Corporation
- ◆ Hightower Hall Restoration at Historic Brattonsville/Honor Awards to York County Cultural and Heritage Museums, Huss Construction, DP3 Architects
- ◆ "From Slavery to Freedom: The Magnolia Cabin Project"/Heritage Tourism Award to Magnolia Plantation and Gardens
- ◆ Martin Meek, AIA of Spartanburg/Governor's Award for Lifetime Achievement





ABOVE: Badly damaged by fire, the restored Westminster Depot once again is the pride of the community. Photos by DP3 Architects. BELOW: Hightower Hall is one of the state's first LEED certified historic buildings, blending sustainability principles and preservation. Photos courtesy of the Culture and Heritage Museums of York County. SHPO staff worked closely with the project managers during planning for both projects. Both are 2009 Honor Award recipients.



## 16 New National Register of Historic Places Listings

In 2009 six historic schools were listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Three churches, two houses, the state's only covered bridge, a hospital complex, fire station, post office, and cemetery rounded out the 2009 listings. Photos and the nomination forms are online at http://www.nationalregister.sc.gov/nrlinks.htm.

- ◆ Lindsay Cemetery, Due West vicinity, Abbeville County
- ◆ Immanuel School, Aiken
- ◆ Lando School, Chester County
- ◆ Fountain Inn High School
- ◆ Campbell's Covered Bridge, Greenville County
- ◆ John Lawton House, Estill
- ◆ Conway Post Office
- ◆ Kingston Presbyterian Church, Conway
- ◆ Hannah Rosenwald School, Newberry County
- ◆ Providence Methodist Church, Holly Hill vicinity
- ◆ Florence C. Benson Elementary School, Columbia
- ◆ Columbia Central Fire Station, Columbia
- ◆ Pine Grove Rosenwald School, Columbia
- ◆ Fletcher Spigner House, Columbia
- ◆ Veterans Hospital, Columbia
- ◆ Wesley Methodist Church, Columbia





Brad Sauls of SCDAH presents a National Register plaque and certificate at a Fountain Inn High School reunion.



CLOCKWISE FROM UPPER LEFT: Lindsay Cemetery, established ca. 1820, is significant as the first cemetery in the Due West vicinity of the Abbeville District. Providence Methodist Church (1919-20), near Holly Hill, is a fine example of the Neo-Classical style. The Lando School, built in 1904-05 as the school for Manetta Mill, is a rare example of a school in the Italian Renaissance Revival style. John Lawton House (1908) was one of the earliest homes to be built in the new town of Estill, incorporated in 1905.

#### Support Private Stewardship

## **Save America's Treasures Grants**

These federal matching grants are highly selective and awarded to projects involving buildings and collections of national significance. Our staff have worked with recent recipients so that the proposed work will ensure long term survival of these significant places.



ABOVE: The Unitarian Church of Charleston, a National Historic Landmark, received a \$200,000 Save America's Treasures Grant in 2009 to help address moisture issues and make interior repairs. BELOW: Historic Columbia Foundation received a 2008 Save America's Treasures grant for \$335,000 for the Woodrow Wilson House, South Carolina's only presidential home. Photos courtesy of Historic Columbia Foundation.



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### **Abbeville is 28th Certified Local Government**

In January 2009, Abbeville became South Carolina's newest Certified Local Government, recognizing its active historic preservation program that includes a preservation ordinance, preservation commission, survey of historic sites, and public participation. At least 10% of the state's Historic Preservation Fund is set aside for subgrants to the state's CLGs, and they also receive training and technical assistance from the SHPO.

#### The State's CLGs

City of Abbeville	City of Charleston	City of Dillon	Town of McClellanville
City of Aiken	Town of Cheraw	Town of Ft. Mill	Town of Mt. Pleasant
City of Anderson	City of Chester	City of Georgetown	City of Rock Hill
City of Beaufort	Town of Chesterfield	City of Greenville	City of Seneca
City of Bennettsville	City of Columbia	Horry County	City of Spartanburg
Town of Bluffton	City of Conway	City of Laurens	City of Sumter
Town of Blythewood	City of Darlington	City of Lexington	City of York

### **Section 106 and State Reviews**

During the federal fiscal year SHPO staff responded to 1,616 requests for comments from state and federal agencies, allowing them to meet their responsibilities under state and federal laws. While regulations allow 30 days to respond, our average response time was 17 days.



ABOVE: Sweetgrass baskets in Mount Pleasant. BELOW: Upper and lower Pacolet dams, Spartanburg County

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: Staff worked tirelessly to review and comment on projects funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The SHPO worked with the State Energy Office, the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) and other state agencies to help them understand the Section 106 review process.

Expansion of Highway 17, Charleston County: The S.C. Department of Transportation intends to expand US Highway 17 in Mount Pleasant. As part of this undertaking, the DOT identified the Sweetgrass Basket Stands that dot the sides of the highway as a Traditional Cultural Property, highlighting this important aspect of Gullah culture and history. SCDOT will work with sweetgrass basket makers to ensure that the sales of their baskets can continue to tourists visiting the Lowcountry.

**Energy Plants:** Hydroelectric projects throughout South Carolina are licensed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). As part of the relicensing efforts, the SHPO has consulted with several energy companies in the state, including Lockhart Power Company, Duke Energy, and SCE&G on the relicensing of historic hydroelectric plants and dams. The SHPO is also working with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and its licensees on new nuclear plants in the state.

Haile Gold Mine: As part of a state law governing new mining permits, the SHPO is working with the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC), Mining Division, on the permitting of the Haile Gold Mine in the Kershaw vicinity. The ruins of the structures of the historic Haile Gold Mine will be preserved, and archaeological investigations

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and data recovery are occurring on important prehistoric sites identified within the proposed mining tract. Additional archaeological investigations will provide insight into Middle Holocene, Middle Archaic, and Middle Woodland occupations in the Southeast.

## **Training Programs**

To assist local governments and state and federal agencies in developing and administering historic preservation laws SHPO staff offered a variety of training programs. We conducted onsite training for local governments in North Augusta, Horry County, Seneca, York, and Conway. Workshops for cultural resource professionals were offered on developing and writing agreement documents and conducting historic resource surveys. On-site training was also conducted for state and federal agencies.



Haile Gold Mine Boiler Room





The SC Planning Education Advisory Committee certified that SHPO programs meet the annual training requirements for local governments, and as a registered provider with AIA, we provided continuing education credits to architects. CENTER: The historic resources survey workshop in September drew 70 participants to discuss the latest techniques and trends in documenting historic places. RIGHT: On-site training with Army Corps of Engineers at the Dill Tract in Charleston.

## **Working Through Partnerships**

SHPO staff worked closely with the SC Design Arts Partnership on the "South Carolina Sustainable Schools and Communities Initiative," which resulted in four case studies highlighting existing community schools and programs, and a design summit held in conjunction with the AIA Mid-Atlantic Region conference. The Initiative encourages school design that respects existing communities and sustainable planning.

The SC Department of Commerce and SHPO developed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to address cultural resources through the Site Certification Program, a state program used to attract industry and development to the state. The MOU streamlined consultation and stipulated a specific review process.

Fort Jackson finalized a programmatic agreement with the SHPO that will address cultural resources and Section 106 and 110 projects at the Fort.

#### SC Sustainable Schools and Communities Case Study

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### **ArchSite Use Grows**

Use of the online GIS system with data on thousands of historic properties and archaeological sites in South Carolina continues to grow with 863 users, including members of the public and a wide range of agencies and companies. A small grant from the Historic Preservation Fund helped digitize the over 2,200 archaeological sites file forms for Charleston County and added to the password-protected section of the site. http://archsite.cas.sc.edu/ArchSite/

#### ArchSite Users

#### **Local Governments**

Beaufort County

City of Greenville

City of Greer

City of Spartanburg Richland County

Town of Hilton Head Island

York County

Greenville County Redevelopment Authority

#### **Regional Councils of Government**

Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester

Catawba

Central Midlands

Lowcountry

Pee Dee

Waccamaw

#### **Higher Education**

Clemson University

College of Charleston

College of Charleston

University of South Carolina

#### **State Agencies**

SC State Housing and Finance Development Authority

SC DHEC-OCRM

SC Department of Transportation

**SCANA** 

Francis Marion Trail Commission

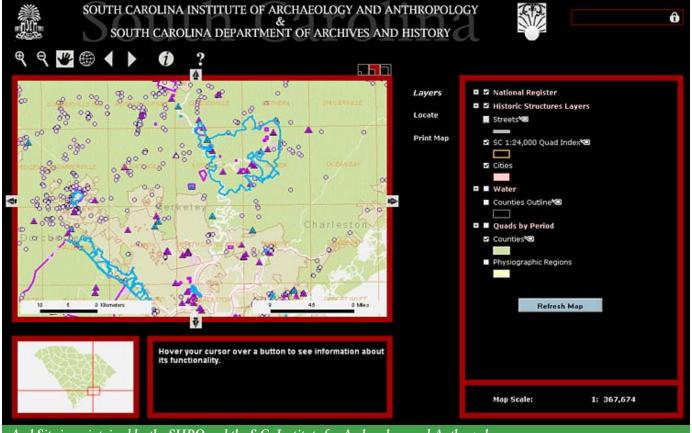
#### Federal Agencies

Army Corps of Engineers

**HUD** 

**USDA NRCS** 

USDA Rural Development



## **Communities Impacted**

The programs and staff of the State Historic Preservation Office reached all parts of the state in 2009.

Abbeville Aiken Clover Aiken County Coachmans Corners Alcolu Coffin Creek Allendale Colleton County Allendale County Columbia Anderson Conestee Anderson County Conway Andrews Cordesville Atlantic Beach Coronaca Awendaw Cottageville Aynor Cross Daniel Island Bamberg Barnwell Darlington Barrineau **Darlington County** Batesburg-Leesville Dataw Island Beaufort Dalzell Beaufort County Dean Hall Beech Island Denmark Belton Dillon Bennettsville Dillon County Berkeley County Dorchester County Bishopville Dovesville Blacksburg Due West Blackville Easley Edgefield Bluffton Blythewood **Edgefield County** Edisto Beach Bowman Brooksville Edisto Island Brown's Ferry Elgin Elloree Brunson Burnettown Enoree Cades Estill Cainhoy Fairfax Calhoun County Fairfield County Calhoun Falls Florence Florence County Camden Campobello Folly Beach Carrison Fork Shoals Cayce Fort Jackson Fort Mill Central Chapin Fountain Inn Charity Furman Charleston Gaffney Charleston County Garden City Beach Cheraw Garnett Cherokee County Gaston Chesnee Georgetown Chester Georgetown County Chester County Gilbert Chesterfield Govan Chesterfield County Graniteville

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#### Dr. W. Eric Emerson

### **New State Historic Preservation Officer**

In August, we welcomed Dr. W. Eric Emerson as the new director of the S.C. Department of Archives and History. Dr. Rodger E. Stroup, director since 1997, retired earlier in the year. Dr. Emerson, who previously served as director of the Charleston Library Society and S.C. Historical Society, was appointed State Historic Preservation Officer by Governor Mark Sanford.

## **Acknowledgements**

The achievements highlighted in this publication would not be possible without the creativity and dedication of the 12 members of the hardworking staff of the State Historic Preservation Office. They travelled to every corner of the state, answered thousands of emails and phone calls, and reviewed thousands of projects. We also salute the many partnerships, with public and private entities, and individuals that made so many of these achievements a reality. Thank you!



LEFT: Archives and History entries "Bill Ding" and "Archie Ives," with creators Heather South and Jennifer Satterthwaite, won 2nd place in Historic Columbia Foundation's Scarecrows in the Garden contest. RIGHT: SHPO staff at Riverfront Park in Columbia, taking part in the "This Place Matters" campaign of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.



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